

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1 through 54, without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

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--55. In combination, a catheter tube for selective flow through a hollow passageway of the catheter tube to or from a patient and a balloon selectively inflated to close and seal the hollow passageway at a distal end of the catheter tube against entry of blood when flow is not occurring through the hollow passageway;

a seal being interposed between the catheter tube and a stem within the hollow passageway at a proximal end of the catheter tube, the stem being selectively displaceable along the hollow passageway through a central opening in the seal, the seal being selectively compressed by a control to clamp against the stem to prevent stem displacement. - -

- - 56. In combination, a catheter tube comprising a hollow unobstructed passageway for selective liquid flow therethrough to or from a patient and a balloon positionable within the unobstructed passageway and selectively inflated to span across the entire passageway to close, seal and completely occlude all of the hollow passageway at a distal end of the catheter tube against entry of blood when flow is not occurring through the hollow passageway. - -

- - 57. In combination, a catheter tube comprising a hollow unobstructed passageway for selective liquid flow therethrough to or from a patient and a balloon positionable within the unobstructed passageway and selectively inflated to close, seal and completely occlude all of the hollow passageway at a distal end of the catheter tube against entry of blood when flow is not occurring through the hollow passageway, the balloon comprising an expandable portion of a wall of the catheter tube. - -

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- - 58. In combination, companion ingress and egress catheter tubes for selective flow through a hollow passageway in each catheter tube respectively to and from the patient and a balloon associated with each catheter to accommodating selective inflation of the balloons to generally concurrently close and seal the two hollow passageways at respective distal ends of the ingress and egress catheter tubes against entry of blood from a vessel of the patient when flow is not occurring through the hollow passageways, the balloons being carried near distal ends of spaced inflation/deflation stems extending respectively within the hollow passageways for substantially the full length of the respective catheter tubes;

a seal interposed between each catheter tube and the associated stem within the hollow passageway of said catheter tube at a proximal end of said catheter tube, each stem being selectively displaceable through a central opening within the associated seal;

the seal being selectively compressed by a control to clamp against the associated stem to prevent stem displacement. - -

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add the appropriate continuity statement.